

Wednesday, September 4, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. (EDT)

	TIME	#	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
>	10 A.M.	7	Genealogy and the Freedman's Bank: Records of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company	Damani Davis National Archives at Washington, DC
	11 A.M.	8	Military and Civilian Personnel Records: The National Archives at St. Louis	Ashley Mattingly & Theresa Fitzgerald National Archives at St. Louis, MO
	NOON	9	Union Civil War Pensions	Claire Kluskens National Archives at Washington, DC
	1 P.M.	10	Federal Penitentiary Records	Jake Ersland National Archives at Kansas City, MO
	2 P.M.	11	Finding U.S. Colored Troops at the National Archives	Trevor Plante National Archives at Washington, DC
	3 P.M.	12	Genealogy Through Navy Decklogs	Mark Mollan National Archives at Washington, DC
	4 P.M.	13	Oh, The Stories They Tell: Chinese Exclusion Acts Case Files at the National Archives & Records Administration	Susan Karren National Archives at Seattle, WA

GENEALOGY AND THE FREEDMAN'S BANK:

RECORDS OF THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

Damani Davis

If you are seeking freed Afro-American ancestors in the post-Civil War era, this talk is for you. Archivist Damani Davis shows you how the records of the "Freedman's Bank" (the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company, 1865-1874) are a valuable resource.

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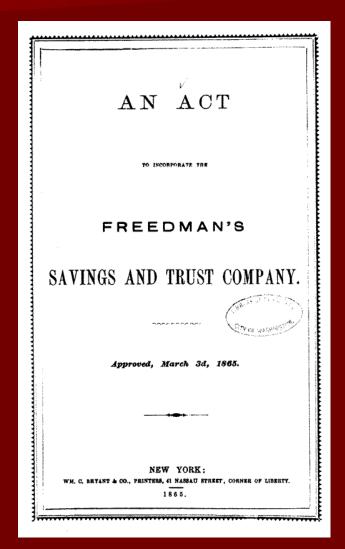
Mr. Damani Davis is a reference archivist at the National Archives' Research Services Division in Washington, DC. Since 2005, Damani has lectured at various local, regional, and national genealogical conferences where he focuses on the African American presence in federal records. He also has published articles in the National Archives quarterly journal, *Prologue*, in which he has highlighted the African American participation in the Revolutionary War, African American migration and search for landownership in the post-Reconstruction era, and slavery and emancipation in Washington, DC. An upcoming article will highlight federal citizenship records that document the early 20th century immigration of blacks from the British West Indies. A native of Philadelphia, PA, and a veteran of the first Gulf War, Damani pursued his undergraduate studies at Coppin State University in Baltimore, MD, where he received his B.A. in history in 1998. He further pursued his studies at the Ohio State University where he received M.A. in history in 2001.

Genealogy and the "Freedman's Bank:" Records of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company



Conceived by John W. Alvord:

Officially Established by Congress and Signed into Law by President Abraham Lincoln March 3, 1865



29 Banks With Surviving Signature of Depositors

- Huntsville, AL
- Mobile, Al
- Little Rock, AR
- Washington, DC
- Tallahassee, FL
- Atlanta, GA
- Augusta, GA
- Savannah, GA
- Lexington, KY
- Louisville, KY
- New Orleans, LA
- Shreveport, LA
- Baltimore, MD
- Columbus, MS
- Natchez, MS

- Vicksburg, MS
- St. Louis, MO
- New York, NY
- New Bern, NC
- Raleigh, NC
- Wilmington, NC
- Philadelphia, PA
- Beaufort, SC
- Charleston, SC
- Memphis, TN
- Nashville, TN
- Lynchburg, VA
- Norfolk, VA
- Richmond, VA

Microfilm Publication M816:

Registers of Signatures of Depositors in Branches of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company, 1865-1874

What Information Can You Find?

- Name of depositor
- Account number
- Age
- Complexion/Physical Description
- Date of application
- Place of birth
- Place raised
- Occupation
- Spouse
- Children
- Names of parents and siblings
- Remarks and Signature
- (Sometimes) Name of former owners or mistresses and plantations during slavery

Other Freedman's Bank Records Publications:

M817, Indexes to Deposit Ledgers in Branches of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company, 1865-1874

■ Reproduces 46 volumes of indexes to deposit ledgers that provide the names and account numbers of depositors in 26 branch offices of the Freedman's Bank. The deposit ledgers themselves are not in the National Archives, and it is not known if they still exist.

M874, Journal of the Board of Trustees and Minutes of Committees and Inspectors of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874

■ Have little to no genealogical value, but are useful for studying the administrative activities and financial decisions of the company.

Unmicrofilmed Records

"Letters Received by the Commissioners of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company and by the Comptroller of the Currency, 1870-1914"

"Letters Sent by Commissioners of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company and by the Comptroller of the Currency as Ex Officio Commissioners, 1874-1913" (34 volumes)

"Dividends Payment Records, 1882-1889" (16 volumes)

Henry Adams Freedman's Bank Record (RG 101)

No. 758 RECORD for Kenny Adams Date. Works for Wife or Husband, Children, Father, Camuel Cestir Bobots Par Lan Mother, Milly Cartes Brothers and Sisters, James Carter, La, Dinis Minnie, Aancy, La, Eli Castis, Robinson le Squire Carter, Do Soto Par. Nolsa Zachariah, Judy Jegues, Catharine Collins Braws himsel Thills to father a mother,

Date: June 26th, 1872

Born: Jasper Co., GA

Raised: Louisiana

Residence: Shreveport, LA

Age: 29

Complexion: Black

Occupation: Wood Chopper

Father: Samuel Carter

Mother: Milly Carter

Siblings: James Carter (GA),

Dennis, Winnie, Nancy (LA), Eli

Carter (Robinson Co., TX), Squire

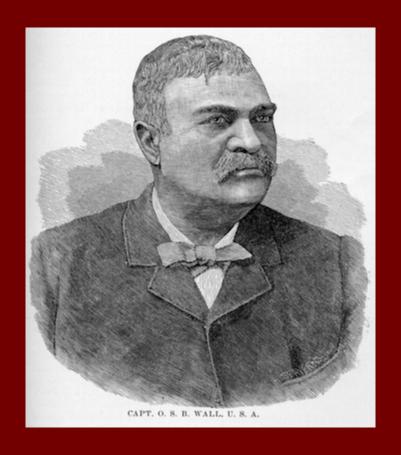
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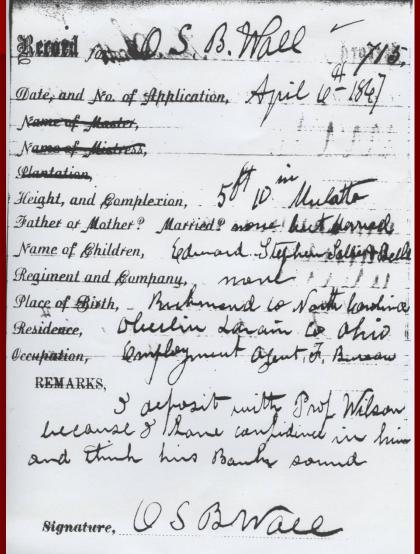
Pegues.

Captain O.S.B. Wall, 1825-1891

First African-American Commissioned Capt. In Regular Army



Freedman's Bank Record of OSB Wall



Height & Complexion: 5'10''
Mulatto

Children: Edward, Stephen, Sallie, and Belle

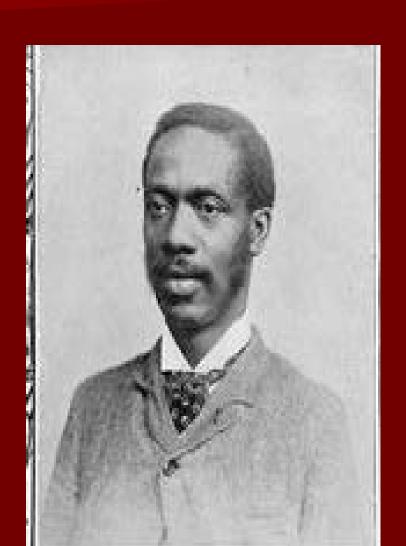
Place of Birth: Richmond Co., North Carolina

Residence: Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio

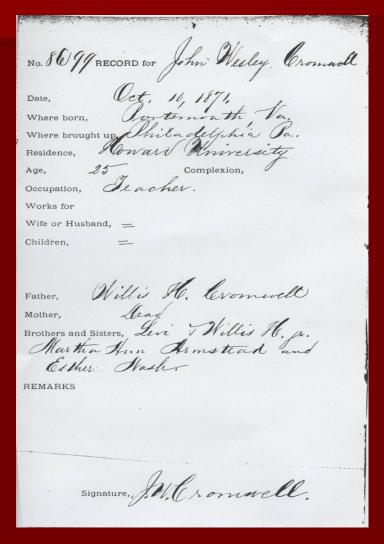
Occupation: Employment Agent, Freedmen's Bureau

John Wesley Cromwell, 1846-1927

Historian, Journalist, Educator, Lawyer, and Former Slave



John Wesley Cromwell Freedman's Bank Record



Date: Oct. 10, 1871

Where Born: Portsmouth, Va.

Place Raised: Philadelphia, Pa.

Residence: Howard University

Age: 25

Occupation: Teacher

Father: Willis H. Cromwell

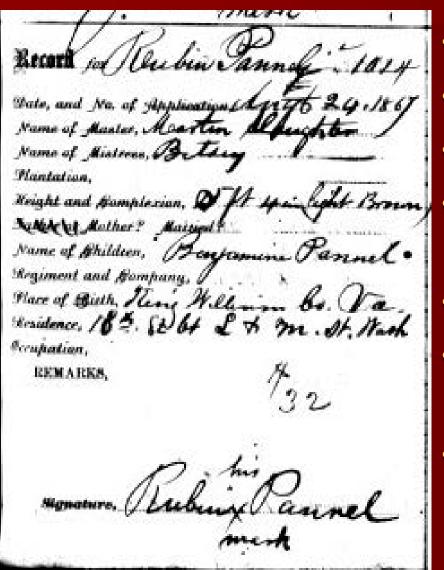
Mother: Dead

Brothers & Sisters: Levi, Willis,

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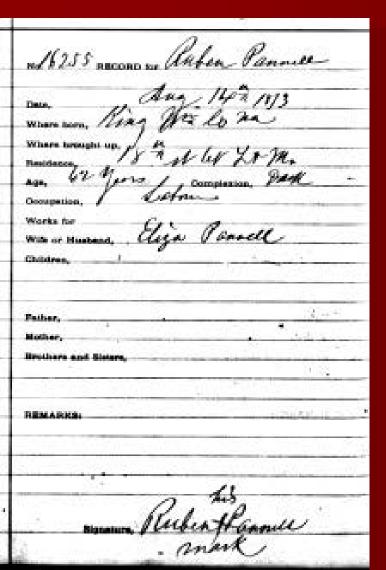
Esther Nash.

"Reubin Pannel" 1867 Freedman's Bank Account



- Date: 24 August 1867
- Master: Martin Staughter
- Mistress: Betsey
- Hght/Comp: 5'4", light brown
- Children: Benjamin Pannel
- Place of Birth: King William Co., Virgina
- Residence: 18th St. btw. L & M, Washington, D.C.

"Ruben Pannell" 1873 Freedman's Bank Account

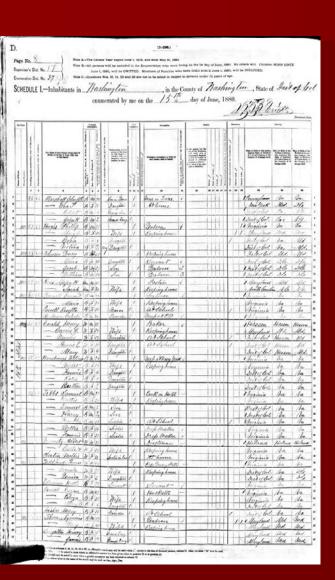


- Date: 14 August 1873
- Age: 62
- Hgt/Comp: Dark
- Residence: 18st. btw L&M
- Occupation: Laborer
- Wife: Eliza Pannel

"Reuben Pannel" & Eliza Henderson

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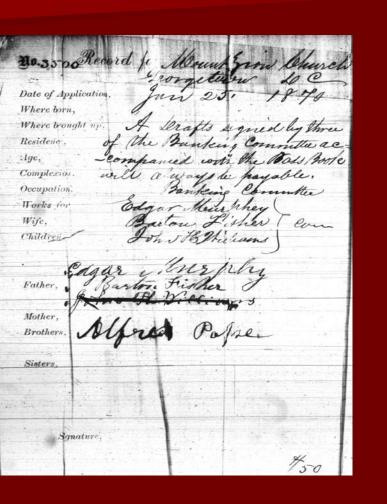
"Rugan Pannell" 1880 U.S. Federal Census



- Rugan Pannell, 67, Huckster, born in VA
- Eliza Pannell, 35, Wife,
 Keeping house, born in VA
- Mary E. Pannell, 6, Daughter, born in DC

Alfred Pope's Freedman's Bank Record, 25 January 1870

Mount Zion Church, Georgetown

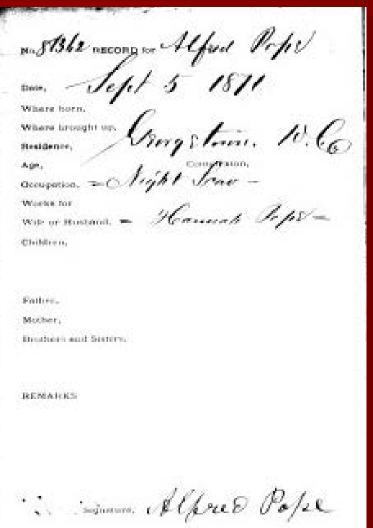


"A Draft signed by three of the Banking Committee accompanied with the pass book will always be payable"

Banking Committee:

Edgar Murphy, Barton Fisher, Alfred Pope, John H. Williams (John H. Williams crossed out).

Alfred Pope's Freedman's Bank Account, 18 August 1871

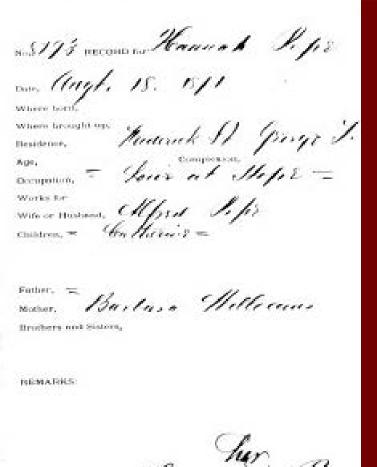


Residence: Georgetown, D.C.

Occupation: Night Scavenger

Wife: Hannah Pope

Hannah Pope's Freedman's Bank Account, 18 August 1871



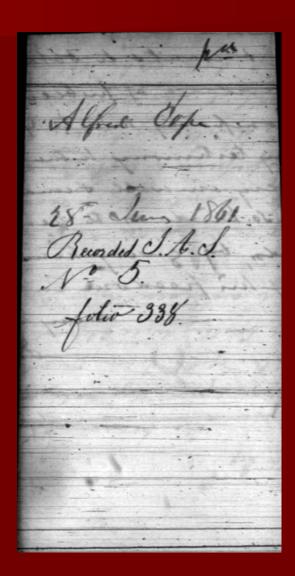
Residence: Frederick Street, Georgetown

Occupation: Lives at Shop(?)

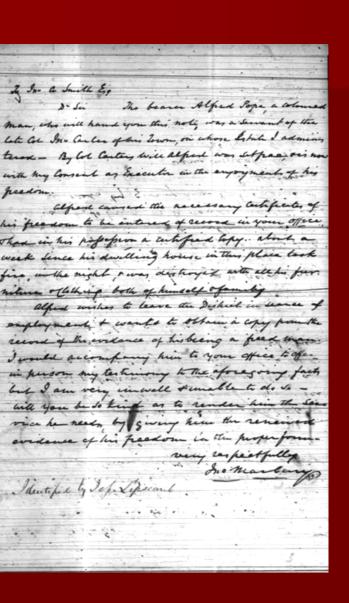
Children: Catherine

Mother: Barbara Williams

Alfred Pope, 28 June 1861



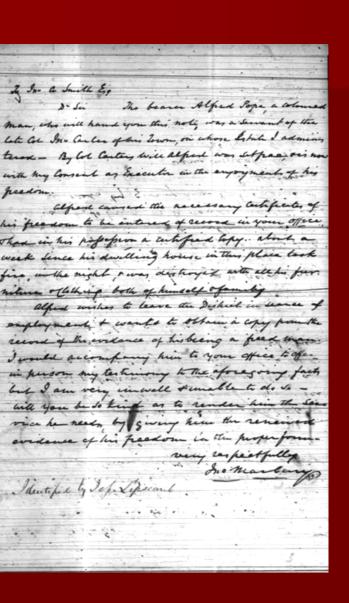
Alfred Pope's Affidavit of Freedom



"The bearer, Alfred Pope, a coloured man, who will hand you this note was a servant of the late Col. John Carter of this town By Col. Carter's will Alfred was set free, [and] is now, with my consent as executor, in the enjoyment of his freedom."

"Alfred caused this necessary certificate of his freedom to be entered on record in your office & had in his possession a certified copy. About a week ago ... his dwelling house ... took fire in the night and it was destroyed with all his furniture."

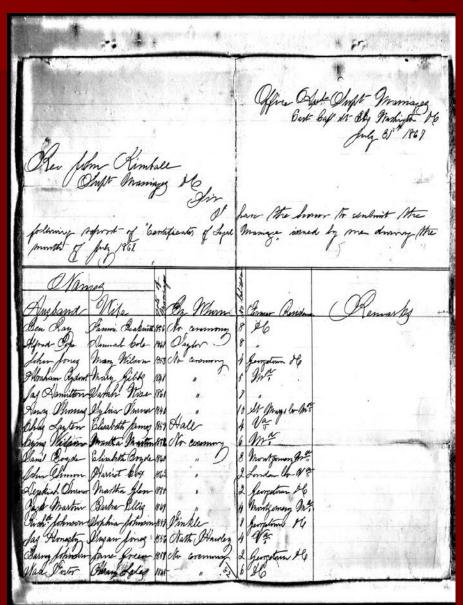
Alfred Pope's Affidavit (Continued)



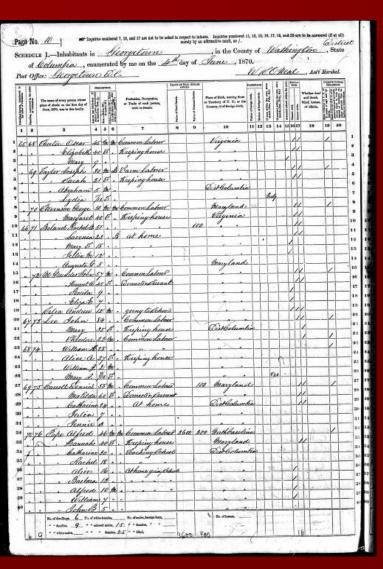
"Alfred wishes to leave the District in search of employment and wants to obtain a copy from the record of the evidence of his being a freed man. I would accompany him to your office to offer in person my testimony in the aforegoing facts, but I am very unwell & unable to do so—will you be so kind as to render him the service he needs by giving him the renewed evidence of his freedom in paper form."

> Very Respectfully, John Marbury

Alfred Pope & Hannah Cole Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Record



Pope Family in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census



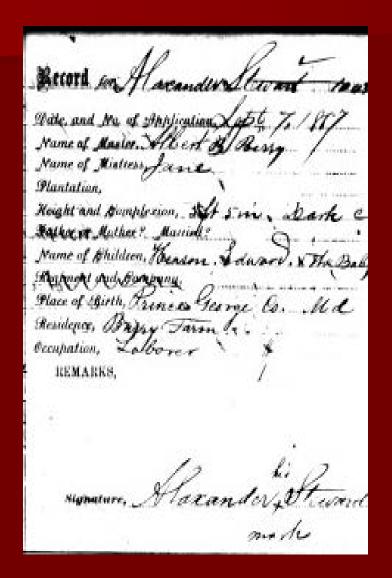
- Alfred 46, common laborer
- Hannah 40, keeping house
- Catharine 20, teaching school
- Rachel 18, teaching school
- Alice 16, at home going to school
- Barbara 13, at home going to school
- Alfred 10, at home going to school
- William 7
- John 5
- Emma 1

Pope Family in the 1880 U.S. Federal Census



- Alfred 56, keeps wood yard
- Hannah 51, keeping house
- Rachel 28, dress maker
- Barbara 23, school teacher
- Alfred Jr. 20, works at wood yard
- John 14, at school
- Emma 11, at school
- LuLu 8, at school

Alexander Stewart's Freedman's Bank



■ Sept. 7, 1867

■ Master: Albert B. Bessy

Mistress: Jane

■ 5'5", Dark

■ Children: Henson, Edward, & the Baby

■ Birthplace: Prince George, Co. Md

• Residence: Barry Farm

• Occupation: Laborer

Alexander Stewart's 2nd Account

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- Sept. 29, 1871
- Barry Farm
- Laborer
- Wife: Mary
- Children: Henson, Edward

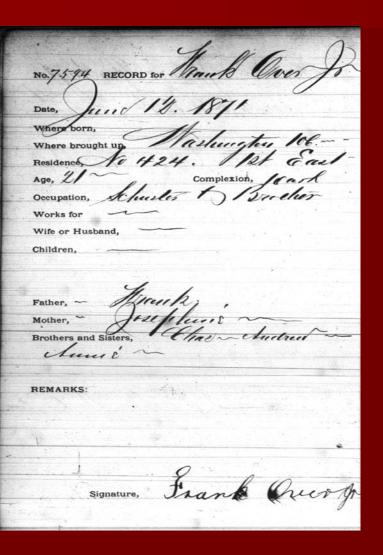
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- Mother: Mary
- Siblings: Henson, Eliza

Alexander Stewart & Mary Henson Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Record

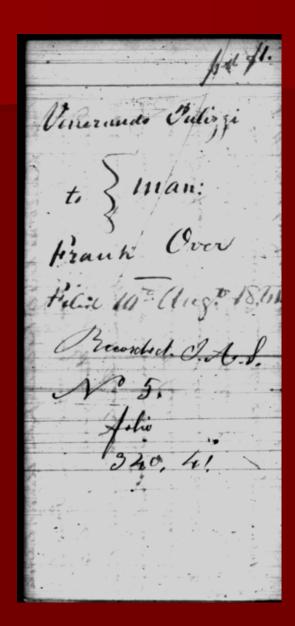
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Frank Over, Jr: Freedman's Bank Account



- June 12, 1871
- Washington, DC
- 424, 1st East
- Age 21
- Dark Complexion
- Father: Frank
- Mother: Josephine
- Siblings: Elias, Andrew, Annie

Frank Over

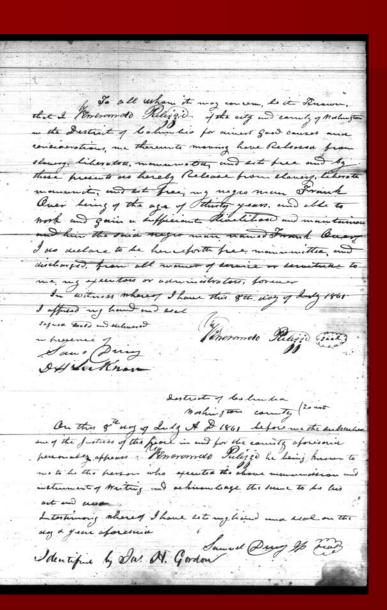


Venerundo Pulizzi (Owner)

Frank Over (Manumitted)

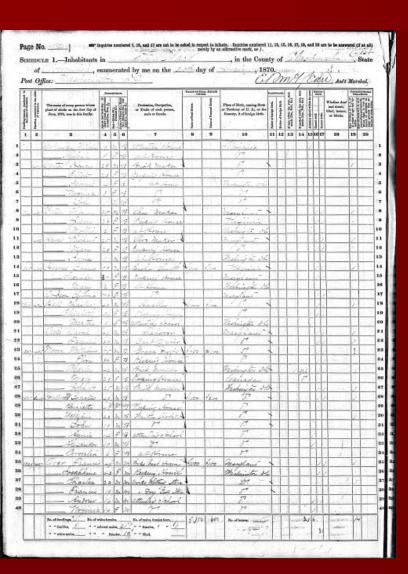
Filed 10th August 1861

Description of Frank Over



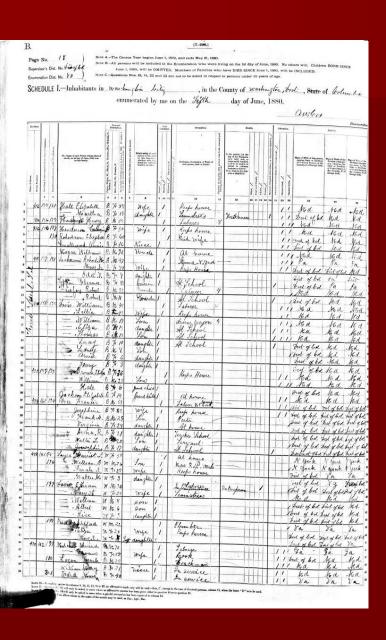
"To all whom it may concern, be it known that I, Venerundo Pulizzi ... have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted, & set free ... my Negro man Frank Over being of the age of 30 years, and able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood & maintenance "

Frank Over Family 1870 U.S. Federal Census



- Francis Sr. 49, Coach Survey,
 \$1000 Real Estate
- Josephine 42, keeping house
- Charles 22, clothing store
- Francis Jr. 18, dry good store
- Andrew 16, school
- Virginia 14, school
- Ann 11, school
- Walter 9, school
- Atkinson Family (Boarders): Edward 32, Mary 24, Edward 2, John 1

1880 U.S. Federal Census



- Francis Over 58, laborer at U.S. Coach Survey
- Josephine Over 52, keeps house
- Frank H. Over 29, porter
- Virginia Over 24, at home
- Anna R. Over 21, teaches school
- Walter T. Over 20, servant
- Josephine Over 17, school

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"The Freedman's Savings & Trust Company and African American Genealogical Research," by Reginald Washington

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Questions?

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